

(As of February 20, 2001)

Section 3-203. Submission of Bills to the Mayor --

1. Every bill which has passed the council and has been duly authenticated by the city clerk and the presiding officer of the council shall be presented to the mayor for the mayor's approval. If the mayor approves it, the mayor shall sign it, and it shall then become an ordinance. If the mayor disapproves it, the mayor shall specify the objections thereto in writing and return the bill to the city clerk with the objections within ten days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) after receiving it. If the mayor does not return it disapproved within that time, it shall take effect as if the mayor had signed it. The objections of the mayor shall be entered at large in the journal of the council, and the council may, after five and within thirty days after the bill has been so returned to the city clerk, reconsider the vote upon the bill. If the bill, upon reconsideration, is again passed by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the entire membership of the council, the presiding officer shall verify that fact on the bill, and, when so certified, the bill shall then become an ordinance with like effect as if it had been signed by the mayor. If the bill fails to receive the vote of at least two-thirds of the entire membership of the council, it shall be deemed finally lost. The vote upon reconsideration shall be taken by ayes and noes and entered in the journal.

2. If any bill appropriating money is presented to the mayor, the mayor may veto any item or items or portion or portions thereof by striking out or reducing the same. In the case of such a veto, the mayor shall append to the bill, at the time of signing it, a statement of the item or items or portion or portions thereof to which the mayor objects and the reasons therefor, and the item or items or portion or portions thereof, so vetoed, shall not take effect unless passed notwithstanding the mayor's veto. Each item so vetoed may be reconsidered by the council in the same manner as bills which have been disapproved by the mayor. (*Reso. 83-357*)